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Sent the following letter on July 29 on behalf of WBCFSL:

Dear Mayor, City Council Member and Library Board Appointees:

In an effort to help you to understand why West Bend Citizens for Safe Libraries continues to pursue a safe environment for the minor children in our community, we ask that you take the time to read the enclosed article from "The Oregonian", written by Elizabeth Hovde on July 11 entitled "Sensible Censorship: Surfing for porn shouldn't be a public library service."

A very valid point is made by Ms. Hovde when she stated that filtering policies are "...an attempt to keep: libraries safe for all patrons and library workers; children away from materials they can't legally buy in a store; and taxpayers from having to finance someone's porn habits."

Ms. Hovde further hits the nail on the head with the following statement "Limiting what's on the shelves - or accessible on a public computer - is not censorship. It's discretion. And pornography and other materials blocked by some filtering programs are still widely available for personal use and purchase elsewhere."

West Bend has long been known for its concern for the community and the children we seek to raise and protect in a health and caring environment.

Your consideration of requesting the West Bend Community Memorial Library to apply for **CIPA** (Child Internet Protection Act) funds that will ensure the appropriate filtering be placed on all public library computers will affirm your position to the families and taxpayers in our city.

For more information about **CIPA** funding, visit the **DPI** (Department of Public Instruction) website at:

<http://dpi.wi.gov/pld/cipafaqlite.html>.

CIPA funding is FREE.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to your response concerning this important action on behalf of the youth in our community.

NOTE: The Oregonian article can be read here at SafeLibraries:

<http://safelibraries.blogspot.com/2009/07/sensible-censorship-surfing-for-porn.html>

As of 08/23/09: No response has been received from the Mayor, any City Council members OR anyone from the West Bend Library Board.